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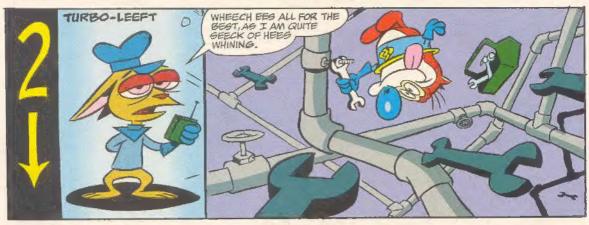


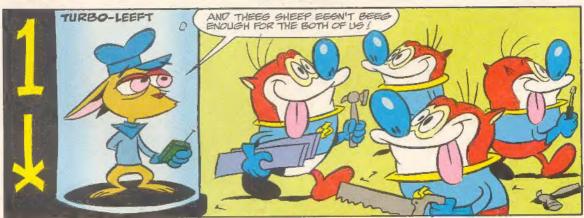
























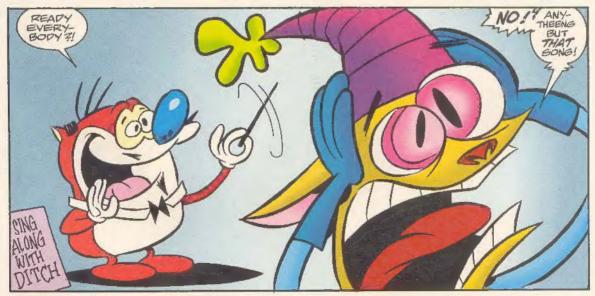




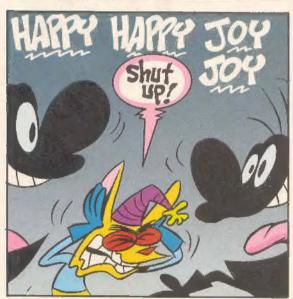




























































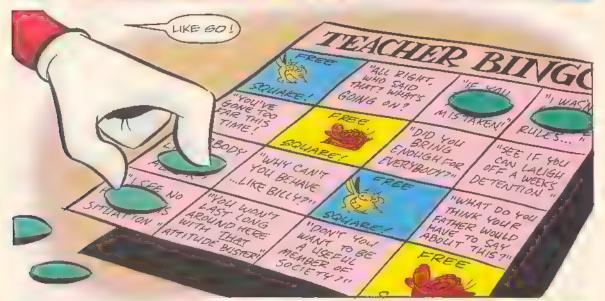
















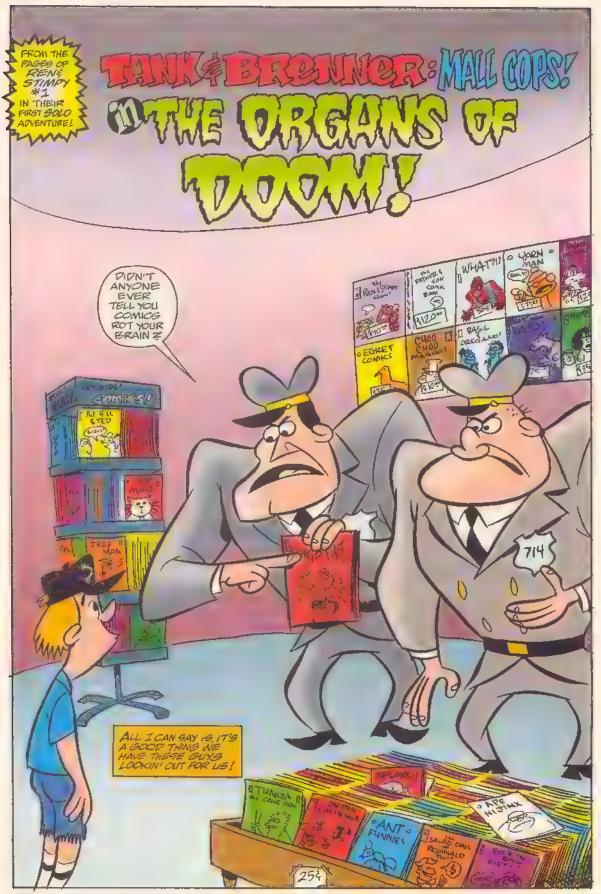






















STAN'S SOAPBOX

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By now everyone, except for a few hermits in the Skrull Galaxy, knows that our X-Men cartoon series is Saturday morning's biggest hit since Walverine whumped our typesetter for spelling his name wrong!

Now I can just hear you mumbling, 'Okay, if we already know the X-Men are the pride and lov of the fabulous Fox Network, then why are you mentioning it now?" And once again I marvel at your perception and sagacity. But here's the

I have the extreme honor to devote this column, the most widely read and quoted in all of comicdom, to a very wonderful person named Margaret Loesch. if not for her, there might be a terribia irreplaceable void in all our lives - because. if not for her, your Saturday mornings might still be empty, meaningless vacuums without the thrills and wonder of the world's most famous mutants!

You see, we had suggested doing the X-Men as an animated network series many times during the past years, but we were always met with the same negative excuses, "You can't do a cartoon series that has so many characters, especially if you insist on writing the series exactly like the comicbooks. Furthermore, cartoon adventure shows must be cute and nnocuous and a med at the very youngest viewers."

But along came the lovely Ms Loesch, the president of Fox Children's Television Network. She had faith in the X-Men she had faith in Marvel, and most of all, she had the keen judgment and rare courage to dely conventional thinking and let us do our TV show exactly like our mags --- to produce stories with emotion, depth and intel gence — stories for viewers of all agest. The rest is history

So often in life people fail to get the credit they may richly deserve. Not this time! We at Marvel are proud to publicly praise and honor, with deepest affection and admiration, a very special person - Margaret Loesch! And y'know something, Maggie? Even nonmutants love yal

Excelsior! Stan Lee

We're returning to our old "Item! Item! Item" style of Bullpen Paging for this week, so that

we can catch up misce laneous news Will we still manage to be as facet.ous and frivolous as usual? Who - us?

ITEM! Rob Tokar's assistant editor Dan Cuddy recently eft the editorial staff to devote full time to his hyper-groovy band, Hypno eyewheel. So long, Dan, and here's hoping your music career takes off faster than Nova the Human Rocket with his pages full of lit chargoal briggettes.



Rob's new Tokar-ific assistant is Paula Fove, who has worked at Marvel since 1991 in various positions, though she never did get that spot as Tom DeFalco's personal karate instructor that she fought so hard for. Paula just spent a year at the film school at Columbia University, and her career goals, after "taking over the comics industry," include producing major motion pictures. Paula's writing credits for Marvel include stories for MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS and NFL SUPERPRO. Welcome back, Paula -stay awhile:

ITEM! WHAT THE -?! writer/artist Aaron Lopresti found himself exclaiming "What the -?!" recently when his wife Shelly gave birth a week early. Just like Tom Cruise, Aaron's baby was born on the fourth of July, though it remains to be seen if the little firecracker will enter the risky business of comic book creating! The baby was almost named "Irving. after Aaron's beloved work on the Forbush Man strip, but the Loprestis decided to go with Joshua instead. Aeron noted that he has the "Death of Forbush Man" story coming up in the WHAT THE -?! FALL SPECIAL which is due out any day now. After dying, will Forbush Man come back as four clones of h mself? If he

does, perhaps the "Reign of the Forbush Men" will be

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ITEM! Are the rumors true? Will X-MEN-writer Fabian Nicieza really be posing for a series of posters where he's dressed as the Mighty Thor, God of Thunder? Where will we get enough blond hair to cover Fabe's ever-expanding forehead?

Wart! Those rumors are not true after all! It seems that the world's only male supermodel, Fabio, coverfeatured on all those bestsell no romance novels, stopped by the Marvel offices recently, to conder a cinematic trip over the Rainbow Bridge. This is great news for fans of Fabio who can make any book worth reading just by appearing on the cover but bad news for our own Fabian, who had already

started trying on long bland wigs left over from his days as a follower of Marsha Brady of the Brady Bunch.

Guess our Fabes will never get to find out if blands really have more fun!

ITEM! We've had enough itemized fun for one page! See you next week in a brand new page!



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